

Lessons learned

Contractor Delivery Operator Working at Height

Date of incident	15/05/24	Incident type	Near Miss (HiPo)
Incident ref number	INC19373	Contractor	Plantforce
Location	Radstone Road	Keyword search	Working at Height

Summary of incident

A delivery driver was observed de-rigging a breaker attachment on a wagon flatbed which was c.1.5m high without means of fall protection. No injuries sustained.

Findings

- The delivery operator was suitably trained in securing loads and working at height
- The Safe System of Work (SSoW) detailed edge protection to be utilised prior to gaining access to the flatbed
- The SSoW did not identify other means to eliminate the requirement to work at height.
- The edge protection was ticked as being in place on the daily inspection form (although not used)
- A PoWRA form was not completed
- A supervisor was in the vicinity but did not observe the operative gain access to the flatbed.

Lessons learned

- Always ensure a PoWRA is completed prior to beginning any new task and updated accordingly.
- Where possible the SSoW is to reflect that delivery vehicles are to be fit for purpose (consideration for the load) and are fitted with 'securing eyes', or other, to prevent the requirement to work from height.
- Where it is not possible to complete the activity from ground level, make sure that edge protection is in place before accessing the bed of the vehicle.

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